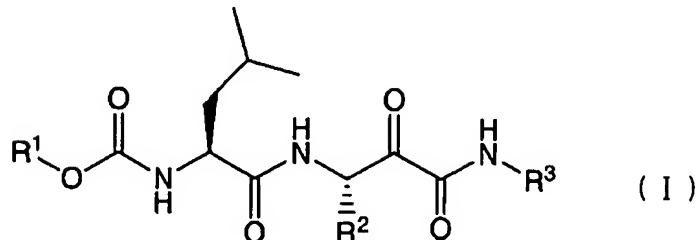


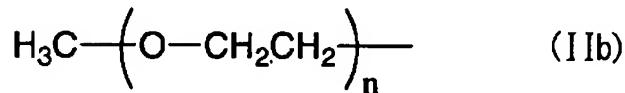
Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A compound represented by the formula (I)



wherein R¹ is

(1) a group represented by the formula (IIb) in which n is an integer of 2 to 5,



(2) a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl substituted by a pyridyl group optionally having a C₁₋₃ alkyl substituent on the pyridine ring, or

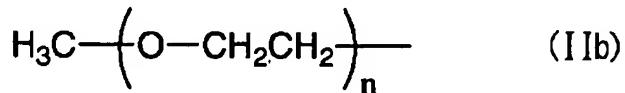
(3) a tetrahydrofuryl group or a tetrahydropyranyl group;

R² is a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted by a phenyl; and

R³ is hydrogen, a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl or is selected from the group consisting of cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) The compound as claimed in Claim 1, wherein R¹ is a group of the formula (IIb)



in which n is an integer of 2 to 5.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The compound as claimed in Claim 1, wherein R³ is cyclopropyl.

7. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of ((1S)-1-((((1S)-1-benzyl-2,3-dioxo-3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl)amino)carbonyl)-3-methylbutyl)carbamic acid 5-methoxy-3-oxapentyl ester, ((1S)-1-((((1S)-1-benzyl-2,3-dioxo-3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl)amino)carbonyl)-3-methylbutyl)carbamic acid 8-methoxy-3,6-dioxaoctyl ester, ((1S)-1-((((1S)-1-benzyl-2,3-dioxo-3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl)amino)carbonyl)-3-methylbutyl)carbamic acid 11-methoxy-3,6,9-trioxaundecanyl ester, or ((1S)-1-((((1S)-1-benzyl-3-(cyclopropylamino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)amino)carbonyl)-3-methylbutyl)carbamic acid 2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl ester.

8. (Previously presented) A medicament comprising the compound as claimed in Claim 1.

9-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) The compound as claimed in Claim 1, which is ((1S)-1-((((1S)-1-benzyl-2,3-dioxo-3-(cyclopropylamino)propyl)amino)carbonyl)-3-methylbutyl)carbamic acid 5-methoxy-3-oxapentyl ester.